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Applicant(s): Toshimichi Morikoshi, et al. Confirmation No.: 6831
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated August 21, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated December 24, the applicant(s) submit herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicant(s) have petitioned for a two (2) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including January 21, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 by Mr. Futoshi Yokomizo and Mr. Yokomizo's *Curriculum Vitae* is attached following page 12 of this paper.